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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/401,694	Applicant(s) BEIDAS ET AL.	
	Examiner DAVID B. LUGO	Art Unit 2611	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 May 2007 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: 120 (page 7, line 5), 130 (page 9, line 13), 134 (page 9, line 16), and 140 (page 15, line 12).

2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: 104C-104H (Fig.

1). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application.

3. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character “136” has been used to designate both MLSE-Based Interference Cancellation block in Fig. 6 and the subtractive interference canceler of Fig. 8. It is suggested that the reference character “136” used in Fig. 8 be deleted and replaced with 140 to correspond with the specification on page 15, lines 11-12. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application.

Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 10 and 14 are objected to because of the following informalities:
- a. Claim 10 recites the limitation “said feed back step” in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
 - b. Claim 14 recites the limitation “said feed back step” in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
- Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 7-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shimizu et al.
U.S. Patent 6,496,534.

Regarding claims 7 and 11, Shimizu discloses a method and system comprising means (antenna 11) for receiving a waveform having data information and noise information (Fig. 1), means for filtering the waveform and outputting channel information through a filter bank, as the received signal is supplied to frequency demodulator 12 filters the received signal (col. 5, lines 40-42), means for producing estimated data signals corresponding to channel information and means for calculating estimated interference signals corresponding to channel information as each signal estimator 22 (Fig. 2) generates estimated symbol value D_s and an estimated

interference signal P_s (col. 5, lines 51-54), and means for subtracting (adder 23) the estimated interference signals from the estimated data signals to provide relatively more accurate data signals (col. 5, lines 59-62).

Regarding claims 8 and 12, Shimizu further discloses means for calculating subsequent estimated interference signals from the relatively more accurate data signals in Fig. 2.

Regarding claims 9 and 13, Shimizu further discloses that the relatively more accurate data signals are fed back a predetermined number of times (see Fig. 2).

Regarding claims 10 and 14, Shimizu further discloses that the feedback is repeated as a number of signal estimators 22 are provided in Figure 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-6 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID B. LUGO whose telephone number is (571)272-3043. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F; 9:30-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shuwang Liu can be reached on 571-272-3066. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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